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Work and Workers.

THE Bible Normal Class at the Northern New England Chautauqua Assembly, August 2-20, studied "The History of Israel from the Disruption to Jeroboam II." The study included the Introduction to Amos and Kings.

THE Theological Society of the Pacific Theological Seminary will discuss, during the year 1898-9, "The Authority of the Scriptures." Such topics as "The Result of Modern Higher Criticism which may be Considered as Settled," "The Claims of Jesus and His Apostles to be Authoritative," and "The Authority of the Bible," are in the programme of this year.

IT may be taken for granted that Dean Farrar is always at work upon some new book which is destined in the near future to increase his already long list of useful religious writings. At present he is engaged in the preparation of a volume which will be a kind of commentary on difficult texts. Such an undertaking is well chosen, and Dean Farrar has many qualifications for its performance.

THE Macmillan Co. announces a series of New Testament handbooks, edited by Professor Shailer Mathews, of the University of Chicago. In these volumes an effort will be made to set before the general reader the result of modern theological study, together with sufficient scientific apparatus to enable him to continue independent of other works. The volumes will be something more than mere compends, and each will possess an independent value of its own. The publishers announce a preliminary list as follows:

The History of the Textual Criticism of the New Testament, Professor Marvin R. Vincent, Union Theological Seminary; *The History of the Higher Criticism of the New Testament*, Professor Henry S. Nash, Cambridge Divinity School; *Introduction to the Books of the New Testament*, Professor B. Wisner Bacon, Yale University; *The History of New Testament Times in Palestine*, Professor Shailer Mathews, the University of Chicago; *The Life of Paul*, Professor Rush Rhees, Newton Theological Institution; *The History of the Apostolic Age*, Dr.

C. W. Votaw, the University of Chicago; *The Teaching of Jesus*, Professor George B. Stevens, Yale University; *The Biblical Theology of the New Testament*, Professor E. P. Gould, Protestant Episcopal Divinity School, Philadelphia; *The Teaching of Jesus and Modern Social Problems*, Professor Francis G. Peabody, Harvard University; *The History of Christian Literature until Eusebius*, Professor J. W. Platner, Harvard University.

A NEW journal of promising future is the *Archiv für Religionswissenschaft*, edited since the beginning of the present year by Dr. Th. Achelis, of Bremen, and published by the house of Mohr, of Leipzig and Freiburg. It aims to be a depository of the discussions and researches of the specialists, not only of Germany, but also of other countries, in the department of ethnology, especially in the connection of this department with linguistic facts and theories. The special departments are Greek mythology, Roman mythology, Slavic mythology, Germanistics, Romanistics, Egyptology, Sanskrit, old Persian (Avesta), Assyriology, Semitic mythology, modern Persian, Christian mythology, mythology and religion of the uncivilized peoples, folklore, philosophy of religion. More than three hundred scholars have promised their aid, quite a number of them non-Germans. America, too, is represented. The *Archiv* is published in four quarterly parts, the whole volume costing fourteen marks.

SINCE the early eighties there has been held at Giessen an annual meeting of ministers in the district and the professors of the university. Some of the papers read at these meetings were published in a series—comprising now fourteen numbers—called “Lectures of the Theological Conference at Giessen” (*Vorträge der theologischen Konferenz in Giessen*). Topics suggested were handled by eminent specialists, in a semi-popular language, notes being added to the printed lecture for the use of students. The whole list, of interest, no doubt, to most readers of the BIBLICAL WORLD, is as follows: 1. Diegel: *Theological Science and the Practical Ministry*; Baudissin: *The Present Status of Old Testament Research* (1884); 2. Sell: *The Historical Development of the Church in the Nineteenth Century and her Present Task*; Heinrici: *Recent Discussions on the Pauline Epistles* (1886); 3. Herrmann: *The Meaning and Conception of Revelation*; Müller: *Report on the Present Status of Researches in the Domain of pre-Reformation Church History* (1887); 4. Sachsse: *On the Possibility of Knowing God* (1888); 5. Eibach:

On the Scientific Treatment and Practical Application of Holy Writ; Schürer: *On the Present Status of the Johannean Question* (1889); 6. Ehlers: *The New Testament and Baptism* (1890); 7. Kattenbusch: *From Schleiermacher to Ritschl: Information concerning the Present Condition of Dogmatics* (1893); 8. Reischle: *Sohm's "Ecclesiastical Law" and the Discussions on the Relation of Law and Church* (1895); 9. Flöring: *The Old Testament in Religious Instruction* (1895); 10. Walz: *Distraction and Dissipation of Energies: the Chief Peril for the Right Work in the Ministry of the Present Time* (1896); 11. Mirbt: *German Protestantism and Foreign Missions in the Nineteenth Century*; 12. Deissmann: *The Linguistic Research in its Relation to the Greek Bible, its Present Status and its Tasks* (1898); 13. Rade: *Religion and Morality* (1898); 14. Krüger: *Recent Finds in the Domain of Early Church History* (1898).

Nos. 12 and 14 (which are noticed more in detail in the October issue of the *American Journal of Theology*) are especially interesting for students of the Old and New Testaments, and apostolic history. Both writers, Deissmann and Krüger, are among the foremost scholars in their line of work, and we heartily recommend these latest additions to this extremely valuable and interesting series. The price for the whole series is not more than \$4.50; the single numbers varying from M. 0.60–1.60. The typography and the whole make-up are very pleasing to the eye. (Giessen: J. Ricker'sche Verlagsbuchhandlung.)